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Sgt. 1st Class Luis G. Morales

Sergeant First Class Luis G. Morales is from northern Virginia. He volunteered for military service after high school and entered the Army in September 1996 to be an airborne Ranger.

In 1997, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. There he served in positions from rifleman to squad leader. In March 2002, he was assigned to the Ranger Training Detachment, 75th Ranger Regiment. There he was a Ranger Indoctrination Program instructor. Then in March 2003, he was assigned to E Company, Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, as a LRS team leader.

In November 2003, he began the Special Forces Qualification Course and he earned the coveted Green Beret in 2005 and was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), at Fort Bragg, N.C., as a Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha communication sergeant. He then went to the Special Forces Intelligence Sergeants Course in July 2007, and was assigned as the intelligence sergeant on Operational Detachment Alpha 3336.

Morales' military education includes the Warrior Leader Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape) Course, Basic Airborne Course, Recon Surveillance Leaders Course and Instructor Training Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, four Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, three Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab. He has foreign Jump Wings from Botswana, Germany, Egypt, Italy, Canada, British, Jordanian, Greek and the United Arab Emirates.

Morales' is married to Kathyne Morales from Fredericksburg, Va.